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SUBJECT: ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENT CANNOT ACCEPT SETTLEMENT

1. OFFICIAL BAATH PAPER ATH-THAWRA STATED IN EDITORIAL NOV 20 THAT BASIS FOR OPPOSITION TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IS RECOGNITION OF ZIONIST ENTITY WHICH WOULD MEAN RELINQUISHING PALESTINE RIGHTS AND CONDONING CRIME "WITHOUT PARALLEL IN HISTORY OF MANKIND."

2. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, RECOGNITION WOULD, ATH-THAWRA BELIEVES, BEAR DIRECTLY ON PRESENT AND FUTURE OF ARAB WORLD BECAUSE PALESTINE ISSUE HAS "ALWAYS CONSTITUTED POWERFUL IMPETUS TO GENERAL STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND REACTION" AS ONLY FEW OTHER ISSUES HAVE; E.G. ALGERIAN WAR AND 1956 TRIPARTITE AGGRESSION AGAINST EGYPT. THEREFORE, PALESTINE ISSUE IS PHENOMENON WHICH REPRESENTS GREAT ASSET TO NATIONAL
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LIBERATION STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONISM, IMPERIALISM AND REACTION.

3. COMMENT: IN SUPRISINGLY FRANK WAY, ATH-THAWRA SEEMS TO BE SAYING THAT LEADERS OF ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENT COULD NOT ACCEPT SETTLEMENT EVEN IF IT WERE SATISFACTORY TO PALESTINIANS SINCE TO DO SO WOULD BE TO GIVE UP ITS PERHAPS MAJOR ASSET IN RALLYING ARAB MASSES AGAINST "IMPERIALISM" AND "REACTION."
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